1	2	3
3.	Manipur	24
4.	Meghalaya	225
5.	Mizoram	196
6.	Nagaland	43
7.	Tripura	88
8.	Sikkim	23
	TOTAL:	1958

Development of SSIs

2106. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth of Small Scale Industries during each of the last three years, figures for all India and State-wise;

(b) whether it is fact that development of Small Scale Industries is given a step monthery treatment by Governments at the Centre and the States when compared to the large scale and medium scale industries, and

(c) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government for the development of Small Scale Industries in the country. So as to help the jobless enthusiastic youth of the country?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Based on the revised Index of Indus :rial Production for the Small Scale Industries (SSIs) sectors, with base year 2001-02, the rate of growth of production of SSIs in the country during 2003-4, 2004-05 and 2005-06 have been 9.64%, 10.88% and 12.32% respectively. The State-wise information is not maintained centrally.

(b) and (c) Promotion and development of SSIs is primarilv responsibility of State Governments and Union Territor, Administrations. To assist the States/UTs and supplement their efforts in this regard, the Central Government implements several schemes/ programmes for promotion and development of SSIs. These, include, *inter alia.*

(i) facilitating availability of credit mainly through public sector banks/ institutions, (ii) assistance for (a) technology upgradation, (b) marketing, (c) integrated infrastructural development, (d) comprehensive need-based development of clusters, and (iii) entrepreneurship development.

— Further, the Government has enacted the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 to facilitate the promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises and enhancement of their competitiveness. The Act has come into effect from 2nd October, 2006.

— Besides, Government implements the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) specifically designed for creating self-employment opportunities.

Statement by Minister Correcting Answer to **Question**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, in reply to Starred Question No. 161 dated 9th March, 2007, regarding relief to farmers upon failure or destruction of crops, due to typographical error, the figure in reply to-part (a) & (b) has appeared as Rs. 2,000. The following is to be subsituted to read as lines 12-15 of part (a) & (b) of the statement referred to in reply" ..... Under the existing norms, assistance towards agriculture inputs subsidy is admissible to small and marginal farmers where crop loss on account of natural calamities is 50 per cent and above at the rate of Rs. 1000 per hectare for rainfed areas, Rs. 2,500 per hectare for irrigated areas and Rs. 4000 per hectare for perennial crops."

Inconvenience caused due to the error is regretted.

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